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MOVIE

NRP has role in Hollywood thriller realism



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Director Atom Egoyan and his wife Arsinee Khanjian, cast members Mireille Enos, Scott Speedman, Rosario Dawson, Ryan Reynolds and Kevin Durand pose on the red carpet as they arrive for the screening of the film *The Captive* at the 67th Cannes Film Festival in Cannes, May.

DON FRASER
QMI Agency/Niagara

Niagara cops helped give a Canadian motion picture a shot of realism.

And two years later, officers from the child abuse unit of the Niagara Regional Police were invited to a private Toronto screening of Atom Egoyan's film *The Captive*.

"It was nice to see the finished movie product," said NRP Det.-Sgt. Scott Kraushar, who heads up the child abuse unit. "And also to know there was a sense they had made strong attempts to make it as real as possible, by getting input from real investigators."

In the just-released motion picture, Ryan Reynolds and Mireille Enos play couple Matthew and Tina from Niagara Falls. They have a daughter Cassandra who suddenly vanishes without a trace.

Scott Speedman and Rosario Dawson play the investigating detectives, one of

whom is suspicious of Matthew. After eight years, the detectives, who are also involved in anti child pornography work, find evidence Cassandra might still be alive.

About two years ago, the production company — which did some filming in Niagara — called the unit asking for help in creating believable policing scenes.

That crew, along with the producer and Speedman, visited NRP's offices at James St. in St. Catharines over three half-day sessions.

Kraushar said police were asked to provide "technical information to help with the casting and creation of the police aspects of the movie."

"The whole premise is a child abduction," he said, adding questions were asked about how the unit does investigations.

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UPFRONT

ENTERTAINMENT

Port Colborne comedian nominated for major award

DAN DAKIN

QMI Agency/Niagara

Port Colborne comedian Joe Crawford has been nominated for a prestigious American comedy award.

The Artists Music Guild named the 30-year-old as a nominee in the best comedian of the year category for its Heritage Awards. The ceremony will be held Nov. 15 in Monroe, N.C.

"It's an honour and a shock," said Crawford, who hosts the *Niagara Dines* show on the Sun Media newspaper sites across Niagara. "I don't see myself as doing it to win awards. I do it because people enjoy it. I want to make people happy and laugh. To be recognized for it... is knowing I'm doing something right."

Crawford has been performing for 12 years and said he didn't know someone had put his name in for the award until the organizers told him he made the list of 25 nominees in June.

"I knew nothing about it. I got an e-mail in June saying I was nominated," he said.

In July Crawford found out he made the shortlist of the final five nominees. He's now planning to head to the awards ceremony in November, where he and the other finalists will perform before the television show is taped.

Crawford hosts the *Joe Show*, a radio and online broadcast each week. His next season premieres Oct. 1.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Port Colborne comedian Joe Crawford is nominated for an Artists Music Guild Heritage Award for best comedian.

"I think my comedy people can relate to. Maybe it's different because of the Canadian aspect and because a lot of people talk about certain sub-

jects where I'm 30 so I'm not talking about marriage or anything. I can relate my comedy to whoever," he said.

Crawford said he's the first

Canadian comedian to receive a nomination in the five-year history of the AMG Heritage Awards.

The comedian will be per-

forming at the Port Colborne Terry Fox Run Sept. 14.

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FILM

Captive team curious about NRP office setup

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"They also asked how we get as a team and approach certain high-risk takedown situations," he said.

Kraushar said *The Captive* production team was also curious "from a (movie) set perspective how we have our office set up here."

Movie advice was also passed on to the team by the force's Internet child exploitation and tech crime units.

"They were very welcoming to us and appreciated our input into what I believe was a very good movie," Kraushar said.

Det.-Const. Amanda Sanders of the NRP child abuse unit said the crew was open-minded during their visit.

"I thought going to the premiere was a good opportunity for us," Sanders said. "I think they really (focused) on the victims' experience when they're going through something like this."

"And also to the fact we don't solve crimes like this as fast as TV sometimes portrays."

In an e-mail, director Eysan said he's "extremely impressed with the excellent work (unit is) doing."

"I am so grateful for their contribution to the film."

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LOCAL NEWS

■ **GOOD GRUB:** Writer looks at Niagara's flavourful history

New book digs into Niagara's fabulous food

JOHN LAW
QMI Agency/Niagara

Tiffany Mayer was a student in Regina 14 years ago when she realized how fragile Canada's food industry was. How buying cheaper imports went beyond saving a few cents.

At a taping for the CBC show *Counterpoint*, she watched a Saskatchewan farmer, in tears, explain how he was about to lose his farm.

"He said, I have \$9,000 to live on for the year, my wife is about to leave me, I'm about to lose everything," she recalls. "He was like, 'How can I tell my son this is a good career to pursue?' That was like a Holy Cow moment for me."

She dove into agriculture journalism and brought her love of locally-grown food to Niagara, where she was an agriculture writer for most of her five years at the *Standard* (2005 to 2010).

The stories were plentiful. Here was some of the country's prime fruit land, facing its own unique challenges.

"From a consumer's standpoint, we're incredibly lucky," she says. "We are in one of the most unique growing regions in Canada. There aren't that many places that can grow peaches and cherries."

"From the farmer's standpoint, I don't think anyone will tell you it's an easy job but they clearly are addicted to it. Or just don't know any different."

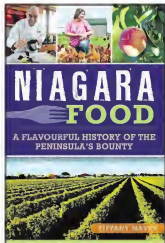
Mayer still had plenty of stories to tell after leaving the paper, so she gathered them for her first book, *Niagara Food: A Flavourful History of the Peninsula's Bounty*.

Released last week, the 160-page book (History Press, \$22) probes the issues, success stories and constant surprises Mayer found roaming the region's food industry.

Among other hurdles, "cheap imports" are a constant concern for local farmers.

"When people look at the price of a basket of peaches, for example, they say 'I can get cheaper peaches elsewhere.' I don't think they really think about all that went in to growing those peaches.

"The cost to prune the tree at the



beginning of the season, the labour to harvest the peaches, the time spent in the packing shed, the cost of shipping. People deserve to make a fair wage and have a decent standard of living."

Mayer describes the books as "Cole's Notes" to Niagara's food scene, offering insight into what to buy, when to buy it, and how to serve it. Chapters focus on farming, wine country cuisine, and local legends.

Her biggest challenge was trying to get the book finished before the birth of her daughter, Olivia.

The baby won that race, but releasing the book this month was a whole different kind of labour pain.

"I thought it would be exhilarating, and it's terrifying," she says. "I sort of feel like it's the second child I've given birth to this year, and this one I'm putting out there for everyone to see and hope they like."

The book is available at local Cole's and Chapters stores, along with Amazon.ca. Twitter: @Tiffmoeaki.

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St. Catharines resident Tiffany Mayer with her first book, *Niagara Food: A Flavourful History of the Peninsula's Bounty*.

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Catholic schools on slow march to extinction

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You have to give Catholic school boards in Ontario props for being consistent. You know, in the same way that Wile E. Coyote is consistent, no matter how many times he falls off that cliff or runs headlong into a stone wall, he still gets up and tries to eat that bird.

But in as much as tilting at windmills can be admirable, there does come a point when Quixotic behaviour simply results in taking giant fan blades to the face.

By way of a for instance, consider the case of Peterborough teacher Paul Blake, recently disciplined by the Catholic high school he taught at because he told his students about an Ontario Superior Court ruling stating Catholic schools — as publicly funded institutions — cannot force students to take religious studies.

Catholic schools are increasingly under pressure to wake up and join the 21st century. Keep alive by the dusty British North America Act, they are rapidly losing

relevance and keep ending up on the wrong side of high profile issues.

A growing number of parents, whose children go to a Catholic school largely because it is the closest, or only, public school within reach, don't want their children taking Catholic dogma classes. They understandably would rather their kids stayed focused on academics.

Catholic school boards, as you might expect, don't agree.

In April, the courts told the schools students can be exempt if their parents wish it.

The Catholic boards reacted by jumping into bed, pulling their blankets over their heads and pretending the court ruling doesn't exist.

They're trying to get around the court ruling by using a half-baked argument that if you selected to support Catholic schools on your property taxes, you cannot exempt your kid from religious classes.

Apparently, they forgot the old system of paying for separate schools through property taxes died in 1980.

Catholic schools are paid for by the

Ministry of Education using general tax revenues. Which is why the argument, "If you don't want to attend Catholic classes, don't go to a Catholic school," is a completely impotent one. If these schools were privately funded, like every other sectarian school in Ontario, that argument would work. But they are not. Hence the court ruling.

No one is saying they cannot have their religion classes, they just cannot force students to take them. Such is the price of accepting public dollars.

Parents are up in arms and waiting for Liz Sandals, our timid minister of education, to do something. So far she has refused to discuss the issue with the press.

All of which brings us back to hack to Mr. Blake. Given the court ruling and the number of news stories about it, he thought it prudent to discuss the issue with his students. When he asked his principal how he ought to approach it, he was told never to discuss it.

Because, you know, the best and most responsible way to handle things is to pre-

tend they aren't happening.

Blake was laid off as a "surplus" teacher a few weeks later and, since he was being let go, decided to tell the students about the ruling. He promptly received a formal disciplinary letter because he "undermined the vision and mission of the board."

He has since found work in England. The Blake affair is a mess: school boards defying the courts, a teacher being told to mislead students by omission, and a government refusing to step up and do what must be done.

If Catholics school boards have any hope of remaining relevant they have to realize their existence is not assured. The BNA Act allows for them, but it is not a guaranteed right like freedom of speech. It's been changed elsewhere in Canada, and can be changed here.

At some point, they are going to have to realize the days of separate schools being treated with kid gloves are over, and if they continue down this sort of road, they will not protect their school boards but push them closer to extinction.

Shipwrecks — Pearl Light

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The *Pearl Light* was in the twilight of its career when it came through the St. Lawrence Seaway for one trip in 1965.

The vessel had been built at Sunderland, England, and launched for the British Ministry of War Transport on Aug. 14, 1943, during the height of the Second World War.

Originally the *Empire Duchess*, the ship was sold after the war and had four subsequent names, all for ocean trading, before becoming *Pearl Light* in 1964. During its visit to the Great Lakes in 1965, the flag of Hong Kong was flying on the stern of the 136-metre-long steamship.

The final name of *Hadib Marklar* was given in 1968 but the ship did not finish 1967. While crossing the South China Sea on Nov. 3, 1967, the engine failed during Typhoon Emma. The 24-year-old freighter, carrying a cargo of bagged cement, was at the mercy of the wind and churning seas. The vessel was on a voyage to Chittagong, Bangladesh, when it ran into trouble under these awful conditions. The ship was driven ashore on one of the Paracel Islands the next day and became a total loss. One member of the crew was lost but the other 43 crewers were rescued by landing craft launched by the crew of the U.S.S. *Navarro*.

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■ **EDUCATION:** Many area schools have international students enrolled

Schools monitoring students for Ebola symptoms

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International students coming to Niagara from Ebola-plagued countries are being asked to watch for symptoms of the deadly virus.

Niagara Region's public health department has issued an advisory for schools with international students to monitor anyone coming from countries dealing with the growing outbreak. Mandatory screenings, however, aren't required.

Niagara Region Public Health is following the guidelines of Public Health Ontario and those are based on a risk assessment," said Jessica Hopkins, Niagara's associate medical officer of health. "There is no recommendation for a mass screening for students returning from affected coun-

tries."

Students from Nigeria and other affected countries attending Brock University, Niagara College and international private schools, such as Ridley College in St. Catharines and Niagara Christian Community of Schools in Fort Erie, are asked to watch for symptoms for a 21-day period since they left Africa.

"If they develop the symptoms, we have plans in place that involve the school and the Niagara Health System," Hopkins said. "They will be immediately put into isolation and assessed. Then it will be determined if they might have (Ebola)."

A patient last week was put into isolation at St. Catharines hospital after displaying Ebola-like symptoms. The person, who's age, sex or nationality was not released,

was quarantined for three days before test results came back negative for Ebola.

Brock University media relations manager Jeff Sinibaldi said the school has 1,900 international students, including 50 from West Africa. Niagara College marketing and communications director Dorita Peniesco said there are about 50 students from Nigeria enrolled at the school this year.

Both schools said they've been in contact with public health and are following their guidelines.

"We've issued communications to the international students from Nigeria and passed on information from public health," Peniesco said.

Mark Thiessen, principal at the Niagara Christian Community of Schools in Fort Erie, said he was contacted by the public health

department regarding screening and surveillance procedures.

The private school has 220 students in grades 6 to 12 from 15 countries. Thiessen said there are "several" from Nigeria and that school staff are helping monitor them for any symptoms.

Hopkins said it's important to note the virus cannot spread from person to person when there are no symptoms present during the 21-day incubation period.

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■ POLITICS

Badawey sets sights on Region, won't run for mayor again

ALLAN BENNER
QMI Agency Niagara

For the time being, Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badawey said he's focusing entirely on becoming the city's regional councillor after the Oct. 27 municipal election.

He would not confirm whether or not he's also considering running for the position of regional chair. And he said he has no plans of running as a candidate in next year's federal election, despite a recent telephone poll that suggested otherwise.

Badawey laughed when asked if it's possible that for the first time a south Niagara resident would take the region's top political seat.

"Right now, I'm just simply focused on going into an election that hopefully will give me a seat on regional council," he said, adding incumbent David Barrick is "a credible opponent."

"Right now, my priority and focus is getting a seat on regional council and bringing local interests to that table," he said.

After 14 years as the city's mayor, Bad-

awey said the hardest part of the "extremely difficult decision" was leaving behind a "great team" at city hall and within the community.

Badawey stressed he's not walking away from his hometown.

He said he hopes to continue working for his community in a different capacity.

Although he said it's difficult to walk away from the mayor's seat, the potential of representing the community as regional councillor is exciting.

Badawey hopes to "carry on where I left off and work with the new mayor as well as my col-

leagues at the region and continue with what I was involved with at that level," he said, referring to projects like implementing job creation and economic investment strategies as part of the Economic Gateway Centre designation, as well as the beginning of a regional transit system.

He said he feels he will better serve the people of his community at the regional level.

Badawey learned recently he was identified by a robocall system regarding the 2015 federal election. Several area residents reported receiving automated telephone calls last week identifying Badawey

as a Liberal party candidate.

"I heard it was going around. I was sort of perplexed that my name was thrown out there because I've given no indications of my intentions federally," he said. "I think by throwing my hat in for the regional council seat, it gives a full message of what my intentions are."

Badawey said he has no idea who was responsible for the automated telephone calls.

"It caught me by surprise, but it is what it is," he said.

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■ NIAGARA REGION

War chest plan moves forward

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QMI MEDIA NIAGARA

It took a while to come together, but a plan to create a "war chest" to fund Niagara Region fights against police budgets is moving forward.

St. Catharines Coun. Bruce Timms put forth his plan for such a fund as an amendment to a staff report to the region's corporate services committee last Wednesday. That report — approved by committee in a 10-7 vote but still requiring full council approval — will see the streamlining of reserve funds.

Timms wants council to create a fund in which \$200,000 will be added annually. The money would be spent defending council's position on the Niagara Regional Police Association before the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services.

Timms and other like-minded councillors believe such a fund would see the Niagara Region Police Association the region is serious about holding the line on the NRP budget, of which approximately 94% is committed to salaries.

Police is considered an essential service and officers are not permitted to strike should they fail to reach a bargained contract with municipalities. Because of this, a binding arbitration system is in place, but history has shown arbitrators usually side with police.

"The intent," Timms said, "is to be prepared to defend the taxpayer if and when the police board decides to appeal council's decision on how much to give the police service at budget time."

"This fund is set aside to tell the arbit-

trator, the police board, the union and OCCOPS that this council is prepared to defend the taxpayer against escalating policing costs — whatever the cost."

Timms's amendment, which called for a staff report about the establishment of the fund, had detractors.

"To me, this is the wrong way to go," said Regional Chair Gary Burroughs.

"We need to fix the (arbitration) system."

Lincoln Mayor Bill Hodgson said creating a specific reserve fund was not necessary. If council chose to appeal the police budget, he said, the money could be drawn from general reserves.

"I'm perfectly supportive of a motion that would commit council to the good fight on behalf of taxpayers, but we do have, in fact, the funds to support that effort, just like we would in any kind of legal proceeding," Hodgson said.

Felham Mayor Dave Augustyn said a reserve fund would send a mixed message.

"To me, it's like setting money aside to prove that we don't have any money," he said in announcing he would not support the amendment.

Timms found an ardent supporter in St. Catharines Coun. Andy Petrowski, who busted out a baseball analogy to make his point.

"This is another bat," Petrowski said. "This is like an aluminum bat. We need an aluminum bat when we're getting into the ball diamond with the police association. 'The styrofoam bat didn't hit the ball very far. This is another bat in our dugout, to put the police association on notice that we are going to put aside money to be able to launch a reasonable and a funded fight.'"

Thorold Coun. Henry D'Angela, who is chair of the police services board, agreed with Burroughs.

"We went to arbitration, a year, two years ago and basically we got beat up with that bat," he said, referring to an arbitration ruling in 2013 that gave police a 3.05% raise retroactive to 2012.

"The rules aren't working. They need some adjustment, but unfortunately we're not the

ones who can make those adjustments. That's the provincial government, so until they look at that, we're stuck with what we have."

He said it was better to spend that money to lobby the provincial government for change.

Niagara Falls Coun. Selina Volpatti spoke in favour of the reserve fund.

"It's going to cost us that

money anyway on increases. We need a war chest," she said.

The staff report on the establishment of the Ontario Civilian Police Commission Appeal Reserve fund will be referred to a future budget review committee of the whole, pending regional council approval this Thursday.

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Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting. Persons intending to address Council are asked to submit a signed copy, legibly written, typewritten or printed on paper, of the communication they intend to present to Council by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 15, 2014.

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The agenda for the special meeting will be available on the City's website on Friday, September 12, 2014. Printed copies of the agenda may also be obtained from the Clerk's Office.

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ACCOUNTABILITY: Provincial legislation will allow ombudsmen to investigate public complaints against municipalities

Ontario's watchdog could get more teeth

ALLAN BENNER
QMI Agency Niagara

Being "vestigated by the Ontario ombudsman's office is like having 'someone come through and inspect your cleaning with a white glove,'" says Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati.

Soon, the ombudsman's white glove could be used to look into more than just the legality of municipal meetings held behind closed doors.

The province plans to give the office of Ontario ombudsman Andre Marin extra powers, allowing it to also investigate public complaints about decisions made by local governments.

Linda Williamson, a spokeswoman for the ombudsman's office, said the province's Accountability Act legislation, drafted by the May provincial election, was reintroduced and passed first reading July 8.

Diodati said welcomes the additional scrutiny from the province's watchdog — even those he's the head of a council that was subjected to ombudsman investigations into closed-door meetings twice over the past few years.

"Anything that calls for more transparency, I'm very much in

favour of," Diodati said.

"I think that's the way to go."

Although municipalities are already held to a high standard, St. Catharines Mayor Brian McMillan said he would welcome changes that could enhance accountability.

"Probably more than any other level of government — meaning federal and provincial — municipalities, I think, are the most accountable to the people and always have been," he said.

"But if there's a way to strengthen that and ensure that any concerns are properly addressed in an open and transparent matter, then I certainly support that."

Other representatives of local municipalities were less receptive.

"The municipal sector, in addition to the ombudsman's oversight of the open meeting legislation, has more accountability controls in finance, in planning, in every area of municipal operation," said Welland Mayor Barry Sharpe.

"So bringing in another level of accountability oversight seems to me to be overkill."

Welland is in the midst of its first ombudsman investigation, looking into an in-camera meeting held in February.

In-camera, or closed door, meetings in St. Catharines, Pelham and at Niagara Region and the Niagara District Airport Commission, as well as several closed-door meet-

ings in Fort Erie, were all under the ombudsman's microscope in recent years.

Sharpe said he's particularly concerned about the time and money small communities will have to commit to investigations if the ombudsman's office is also permitted to look into public complaints.

"It would definitely have an impact on municipal organizations. In particular, small municipalities could be in a situation where their resources were tied up almost continuously dealing with complaints related to what the act called maladministration. That's the issue," Sharpe said.

"That's the reason I asked the chair of regional council (Gary Burroughs) to get it on our agenda at the Region, and why I was hopeful it would be a matter for discussion at (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) conference."

McMillan and Diodati agreed the new legislation could be a burden on smaller communities.

"We're democratic isn't it cheap," Diodati said.

"We're democracy or we're not. People, if they're going to have an open and free vote, they need to have all the facts before they make a decision."

The legislation, Diodati added, "will force people when they know they're going to be scrutinized... I think it'll encourage them to make

good decisions. And I think that's key"

It has also been a topic of concern for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the body that represents 444 cities, towns and villages across the province.

Board member and Niagara-on-the-Lake Coun. Jim Collard said it was discussed at the recent AMO conference, although he said detailed information about it has yet to be provided to members.

He said he hopes the association's questions about the legislation will be answered later this fall.

"We hope that we'll get a chance to see it at the memorandum of understanding sometime in the fall. We assume that we will," he said.

Niagara's integrity commissioner, George Rust-D'Eye, said the proposed legislation has left him wondering what the act is expected to accomplish that's not already being done by municipalities themselves.

For instance, while the ombudsman would be able to investigate the process politicians followed in making their decision, it's assumed he would not get authority to decide an issue — only to tell municipalities to start over if the process was flawed.

"I'm concerned. It seems to be a drawback from what has previously been decision-making by the legislature to basically expand municipal powers to involve their own accountability and transparency."

"Municipalities were given the power to appoint integrity commissioners, among other officials, and to draft codes of conduct," he said, referring to the amendments made to the Municipal Act in 2006.

"I think that system has been working fairly well."

The Toronto-based lawyer, who works as an integrity commissioner for several other Ontario municipalities, said the

new legislation will essentially give the ombudsman's office jurisdiction "over municipal ethical matters by having basically the power to investigate any decision or recommendation in the course of the administration of a municipal government."

Rust-D'Eye said the legislation is not clear about the role of the ombudsman's office with respect to municipalities that already employ integrity commissioners.

However, he said, "it appears that the provincial ombudsman may become some sort of an appellate tribunal from local decision-making."

William McMillan agreed the legislation needs clarification, but he doesn't think "it's intended to circumvent the authority and responsibility of the integrity commissioners."

"I think that can be addressed as we go through the legislative process," McMillan said.

Williamson agreed there could be some overlap between the ombudsman's office and the work already being done by integrity commissioners.

"The whole idea of an ombudsman is that it's very broad," she said.

"We look at pretty much anything that has to do with provincial government service and all kinds of issues... It's very broad, and that's what we're meant to do."

Once the legislation is approved, Williamson said, the office will launch an education campaign to inform people about the changes.

Williamson said the legislation will also allow the ombudsman's office to investigate complaints about universities and school boards, while establishing a new patient ombudsman to look into complaints about hospitals and long-term care homes.

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■ MUSIC: Mouse vs. Mau5, Round II

Deadmau5 fires back at Disney

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The Deadmau5 vs. Disney battle of 2014 has just escalated.

A day after the corporate media giant filed a 171-page trademark opposition against Deadmau5 for his famed headgear, the Niagara Falls-born entertainer — real name: Joel Zimmerman — had his lawyer send a cease and desist letter to the company.

The letter alleges Disney uses one of his most popular tracks, Ghosts 'n Stuff, for an animated clip on its website without his permission. The video features about 90 seconds of Zimmerman's music to accompany clips of old Mickey Mouse animation, for a short called *Re-Micks*.

"We just hit them back pretty hard," Zimmerman said last Thursday. "They've been infringing on my rights the whole time."

Zimmerman scanned both pages of the cease and desist and posted it on his Twitter page. "Oh, @disney just in case you don't check your e-mail, I'll just leave this here," he wrote.

He later added: "It takes 'em 10 years to oppose a trademark, let's see how long it takes 'em to take down a video."

No longer apparently. The link Zimmerman attached in his tweet was inactive by

Friday, redirecting to the DisneyParks.ca home page.

The cease and desist letter, drafted by Zimmerman's L.A.-based attorney Dina LaPolt, says Zimmerman was under contract with EMI Music Publishing when he composed the track, and it is "unaware of any licenses(s) between Disney and EMI ... granting Disney the right to synchronize the Composition with the Infringing Video" or exploit the master recording "in any manner or media."

On Wednesday, the company made a move to block Zimmerman from trademarking his familiar Mau5 head in the U.S., a prominent part of his music and branding since his first album in 2005. Disney claims the image is too similar to its iconic mascot Mickey Mouse, who first appeared to the 1929 animated short *Steamboat Willie*.

Zimmerman applied through the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office last year. He already owns the Mau5 Head image in 30 other countries.

As part of its opposition, Disney contends it "owns long-standing rights in its mouse ears mark," and that Zimmerman's mau5head will create confusion.

"Disney doesn't want me to file in the U.S. for some weird reason," Zimmerman

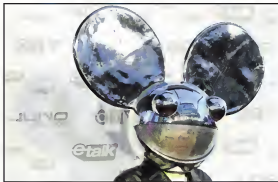
said. "'(I'm) trying to set up a jousting match in the Magic Kingdom to settle the matter.'"

In a written statement to media, LaPolt wonders why Disney is "only now coming after Deadmau5," since the electronic music producer has been using the mau5head "in the U.S. and around the world" for nearly a decade.

"Our client will not be bullied by Disney and is prepared to fight to protect his rights to his property," Disney responded with a statement sent late Friday. "Disney vigorously protects its trademark rights, and we oppose Mr. Zimmerman's attempt to register a logo that is nearly identical to our trademarks for his commercial exploitation," said a spokesperson.

"Our opposition is not about the use of the Deadmau5 costume. The music was appropriately licensed, and there is no merit to his statement."

It's not the first time a Niagara



ROUTERS

Deadmau5 poses on the red carpet during the 40th Juno Awards in Toronto on Sept. 27, 2011, file photograph.

native has squared off against Disney.

In 2000, Fonthill architect Edward Russell and business partner Nicholas Strack of Buffalo negotiated an undisclosed settlement after a Florida jury

awarded them \$240 million based on a finding the company used their design for a World of Sports park.

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■ **ENTERTAINMENT:** Ceremony set for Sept. 30 in Niagara Falls

Niagara Music Awards announce nominations

JOHN LAW

QMI Agency Niagara

The nominees are in for the seventh annual Niagara Music Awards.

Rockers Step Echo, all-country group Phantom 309 of Niagara Falls, and St. Catharines hip hop/funk ensemble Theatre Crisp lead the way with multiple nominations for the Sept. 30 show in Niagara Falls.

The nods were announced at Boston Pizza in Welland last week.

"It feels amazing and I am grateful," says longtime Niagara Falls country singer Barb Collins, who collected three nominations including song-writer of the year.

"We had a lot of (entries)," says co-organizer Erin Visentin, who adds some categories were too good to limit to five nominees. New group of the year has eight nominees, while original song of the year has 13.

"It's a little more exciting," she says. "We didn't have a limit this year."

Even so, categories for blues, jazz and country artist of the year didn't receive enough submissions and were cancelled.

The event has faced some criticism over charging artists a fee to enter.

WHAT: 7th Niagara Music Awards
WHERE: Sept. 30, 7 p.m.
WHERE: Taps Brewhouse & Grill,
4680 Queen St., Niagara Falls
TICKETS: www.niagamusicawards.ca

"Most of us don't see the value in an awards show that asks to pay to be nominated for awards," writes Phil Taylor of Welland band Xprime on the Niagara Music Awards' Facebook page. But Visentin says until sponsorships can cover the entire cost of the show, entry fees are necessary. She hopes to eliminate them by next year.

"I wanted to do it this year, but we just couldn't," she says. "We're learning from this year and moving on to next year already."

This year's show will once again be on Queen St. in Niagara Falls, but moves from the Seneca Queen Theatre to Taps Brewhouse & Grill, where it will be outdoors.

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And the nominees are...

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Adult Contemporary

Artist of the Year

Cory Cruise, Jamie Derek Moore, The Rio Trio

Album of the Year

Ivy Coast, Phantom 309, Step Echo, The Ages, The Anti-Q's, Theatre Crisp

Electronic Music of the Year

The Status, Update, Todd Murphy

Engineer of the Year

Ruben Arancibia, Straight South

Female Vocalist of the Year

Barby Collins, Gail D. Genevieve-Renee Blisson, Jane Baker, Katey Gatta, Paige Kopp

Folk Artist of the Year

Phillip Bolyard, RK Walker and Amp

Hip Hop Artist of the Year

The KaC Himself, Ill Table Manners

Instrumentalist of the Year

Year

Ashram, Garage, Paul Layton, The Rio Trio, XL88, Zu Virtu

Male Vocalist of the Year

Cory Cruise, Andy C. James Underwood, Kyle Petch

Music Video of the Year

Avenue Inn, Donny Yonder, Ivy Coast, Step Echo, Theatre Crisp

New Artist of the Year

Carina Frammartino, Diana Williamson, Garrett Bell, Jamie Derek Moore, Katey Gatta, Slooky

New Group of the Year

Arden, Ashram Garage, Avenue Inn, Ivy Coast, Phantom 309, Slightly Aged, The May Sides, The Rob Graham Band

Original Group of the Year

Ashram Garage, Avenue Inn, New Franchise, Phantom 309, Step Echo, Stereo Sunrise, The Rio Trio, Theatre Crisp

Original Song of the Year

Arden, Avenue Inn, Barby Collins, Jane Baker, Katey Gatta, Linda Tamburri, MJ Laflair,

Paige Kopp, Phillip Bosley, Step Echo, Straight South, The Ages, Theatre Crisp

Producer of the Year

Ruben Arancibia, Phantom 309

Progressive Rock Band of the Year

Avenue Inn, New Franchise

Rock Group of the Year

Arden, Blame the Neighbour, Border City Beatdowns, Cops of Commission, Phantom 309, Step Echo, Stereo Sunrise, The Ages

Songwriter of the Year

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ENTERTAINMENT: TV show wants to profile Niagara homeowners

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"They respond well to TV shows coming to their com-

munities."

I Wrecked My House is an HGTV Canada series hosted by comedian Steve Patterson that features eccentric, kooky and unconventional approaches to home repairs.

The series aired as a one-hour special on HGTV last April and has just been picked up for 14, half-hour episodes that are set to begin filming this fall.

The series highlights some of the unique and outside-the-box approaches to home maintenance and the show is looking for homeowners that take a more "MacGyvered" (take something and make it something it shouldn't be) approach to do-it-yourself fixes in their home.

Robitaille said the show is looking for two homeown-

ers in Niagara, who would allow them to film two shows in the area.

In the past, the show has featured homeowners who have gone beyond strange, wacky and extreme jerry-rigged fixes, including someone who used a fridge to support their house, a person who used a diaper to deal with a leaking pipe under a sink, and another homeowner who used a plastic bag as a curtain to keep cold air out.

Robitaille said in one instance, a homeowner had a live wire dangling above their sink with a sign saying "live".

She said the show is not meant to insult anyone, it's meant for "fun-loving" people with a "good sense of humour" who don't take

themselves too seriously.

"It's like a comedy of errors."

Robitaille said people can e-mail their submissions, which should include a story of what they have done to their home, photos of the repairs, photos of themselves or the not-so-handy person they're nominating, and contact information, to casting@mountainroad.ca.

Robitaille said people interested in submitting should do so quickly because production is scheduled to start this fall.

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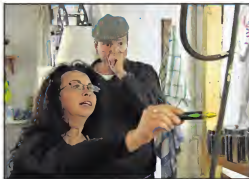


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LOCAL NEWS

■ **COMMUNITY:** Walker Centre members honour memory of Marty Samosh

Inspiration powers riders in the Big Move

JULIE JOCSAK
QMI Agency Niagara

They've been riding for six years, but this year it was personal.

The annual Big Move bike ride Sunday in support of the Walker Family Cancer Centre was dedicated as being "Inspired by Marty." Riders paid homage to much-loved oncologist Marty Samosh, who lost his 14-year battle with lymphoma in March this year.

"We are so touched that everyone has Marty in their minds and hearts," said his wife, Rosalie Samosh. "This whole ride is paved with a lot of angels — a lot of people who have battled cancer and their families, and our hearts go out to all the heroes out there still fight-

ing.

Marty did lose his battle in March, but his dream of finding a cure is still out there and we are so grateful that he is remembered today in such a positive way."

She said each of the nearly 50 riders from the Walker Family Cancer Centre rides team handed her a yellow rose on their way past the finish line, where she was cheering on the riders.

She had company, too. Staff and students of Grapeview School, where Rosalie Samosh is a Grade 3 teacher, came out to cheer along with her. This is the third year that Grapeview School has shown its support for the Big Move.

"It's important for the kids to give back. We need to start teaching them at a young age that it's important to be a community citizen and give back to your community," said Pam Shonerville, a Grade 1/2 teacher who helped start Grapeview's involvement three years ago.

"It's personal to all of us this year," added Grapeview principal Shelley Fehrman.

It was "inspiring" to see the school's involvement, said Paulanne Jushevich, president and CEO of the St. Catharines Hospital Foundation.

"If we can bring in increased community support like that, it would be very important for the success," she said.

About 525 riders participated in this year's event with a goal of raising \$400,000. Beginning and ending at Club Roma, cyclists had a choice of riding a 30-, 60- or 100-km course. The ride has raised \$2.1 million since its inception in 2009.

The money raised by Sunday's ride will be used to purchase radiation and other diagnostic equipment for St. Catharines hospital.

"Monetarily, it's phenomenal," said Jushevich. "We should be closing in on \$2.5 million by the end of the day, but what we also need is the community backing. ... That is very important to us."

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JULIE JOCSAK/STAFF PHOTO

Cyclists approach the finish line at Club Roma. 525 riders took part in The Big Move Cancer Ride to raise money for the Walker Family Cancer Centre on Sunday September 7, 2014. Cyclist had a choice of riding a 30km, 60km or 100km course. To date, the ride has raised \$2.1 million since it began in 2009. With a goal of \$400,000 this year, that number will hopefully jump to \$2.5 million.

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Police nab drivers as school resumes

Niagara police stopped 280 vehicles last Tuesday during Operation All Hands on Deck, as students returned to school across the region.

Police say 145 provincial offences notices were handed out as part of

the 14th annual traffic and safety awareness day. Of those, 86 were for speeding.

In Welland, a driver was caught driving 82 km/h in a posted 40 km/h Community Safety zone, while a driver in St. Catharines

was caught going 71 km/h in a school zone.

Officers handed out four tickets for distracted driving and 11 tickets for seatbelt/child safety violations.

Police reported a high rate

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Future of Energex still uncertain

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QMI Agency Niagara

Energex Tube's parent company JMC Steel may be anticipating a big increase in annual earnings as a result of new U.S. tariffs imposed on illegally imported steel products, but the future of its idled plant in Welland has yet to be determined.

Members of Unifor Local 523, representing workers at the Energex Steel plant on Dain Ave., said the company had been awaiting the final ruling by the U.S. International Trade Commission before any decisions were made about the future of the Welland plant where about 100 workers were indefinitely laid off May 19 when operations were shutdown primarily due to unfairly traded oil country tubular goods (OCTG) imported into North America from nine countries.

That ruling was made last week, unanimously supporting new duties of up to 118% on products from nine countries including India, Korea, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine and Vietnam.

Despite the new tariffs, the Chicago-based parent company has yet to announce its plans for the Welland plant.

"We've been following this very closely and certainly we've reached out to our members in the provincial and federal government as well," said Unifor Local 523 president Rick Alakas. "We're going to continue to track this."

An article published last month in U.S. trade magazine *American Metal Market* quoted an industry analyst saying the tariffs will increase JMC's earnings by about \$20 million annually before taxes. Although Alakas said that article refers to industries on the U.S. side of the border, he said the union remains hopeful that the tariffs will also benefit the com-

pany's Canadian operations as well, particularly the plant in Welland.

There are, however, additional pressures for industries on this side of the border.

"We face hurdles here that some of our U.S. counterparts don't," Alakas added. "We continue to face the high cost of hydro, which is a big concern for us. Along with that, our tax structure is different."

He said U.S. communities are also permitted to provide more assistance to industries than municipalities in Ontario.

"Here in Canada we have the Municipal Act that tends to be cumbersome and makes it more difficult when it comes to things such as reducing taxes or lower rates for hydro or water. There are other inherent problems we face as a Canadian operation."

Nevertheless, Alakas said the U.S. ruling will help, as well as an ongoing investigation by Canadian Border Security Agency also looking into complaints about foreign-made products being sold in Canada for less than the cost of producing them.

"We will continue to monitor it and continue to work with JMC and Energex and anybody we can to protect those jobs here in Welland and to find a way to get the operation open again and viable," he added.

Currently, however, no one is working at the plant with the exception of a security guard as well as a few people cleaning up the debris after several buildings were demolished.

Calls to JMC were not immediately returned this story.

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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE
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The regularly scheduled meetings of Tuesday, October 14, 2014 will proceed as normal at 6:30 p.m.

The Inaugural Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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Fortunately, there are some very simple steps that you can take to prevent dehydration. Always bring extra water with you – especially for outdoor events or if working outside. Wear light-coloured and loose-fitting clothing as it will keep you cooler on hot, sunny days. Try to avoid exercise and exposure during high heat index days or at least limit time spent in the heat by finding a shaded area to cool down. Limit alcohol consumption, because alcohol increases water loss leading to dehydration.

It is important for everyone to keep hydrated, but it is especially important to ensure that children and elderly people are getting enough fluids. It may be difficult to get children to drink lots of water throughout the day, so providing them with snacks of fruits and vegetables that have high water content will help to replace those lost fluids. Some of the most hydrating foods include cucumber, iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, watermelon, strawberries, and cantaloupe.

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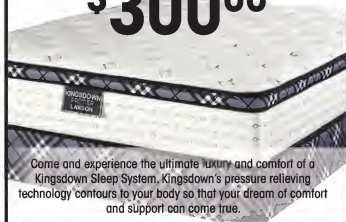
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■ COMMUNITY

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We are doing away with separate listings for each newspaper — that means Datebook in *The Tribune*, community Do It Listings in *The Standard* and Community Calendar in the *Review*.

In their place, we are combining them into one complete listing that will run in all three

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We're hoping this will streamline the way you submit an event and give your event a wider audience.

Listings will not appear by date, but under relevant categories — Music, Theatre, Nightlife (bands playing at local bars), Community and the catch-all category, Other Stuff. Please keep it to events with specific dates; we will not list ongoing programs.

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A few years ago King, an award-winning bestselling author and nutritional researcher found himself in a peculiar situation. "I was hired as the keynote presenter at a health conference and was just about to go on stage when I experienced one of the worst bursts flare-ups I

had ever experienced." Bursts is an often times painful inflammatory condition that attacks the tiny fluid sacs responsible for reducing friction between joints.

"I had lived with shoulder pain for so long, it was more normal for me to be in pain than out of it,

but no matter what I tried, the pain would always come back." It was embarrassing to him, because here I was about to take the stage as a leading health expert, when I couldn't even lift my arm because of the pain I was in," said King. "As a nutritional researcher I had tried almost everything out there, from fish oils to eggshell membranes and even combinations of ingredients that most others have never heard of, but nothing seemed to get rid of my shoulder pain."

FDA Issues New Warnings for Painkillers

That's the heading that appeared on the popular WebMD website a few years back. The FDA had just finished implementing new rules demanding tougher label warnings regarding the numerous side-effects associated with anti-inflammatory drugs or as they're commonly called, NSAIDs. Side-effects, from liver damage to stomach bleeding occur all the time in people taking these common drugs. In fact, Dr. Matthew Holman, deputy director of the FDA's Division of Nonprescription Regulation Development at the time said: "The regulations effect much of the U.S. population because over-the-counter pain relievers and fever reducers are some of the most commonly used drugs..."

King was well aware of the dangers of pharmaceutical drugs in the NSAID category, which is why he would only take them when the pain was unbearable and only for a day or two max. "Millions of people around the world pop these drugs like candy, never realizing how damaging they can be," said King. So you can imagine King's elation when a colleague of his handed him a bottle of LeafSource and said: "If this doesn't help you, nothing will." Not only did King's pain all but disappear within a few days, he

also noticed a lot more energy from using LeafSource. "I was always in pretty good shape and had a good deal of energy, or at least I thought I did," said King. "You don't realize how much better things can be until you discover that extra edge. Today I am pain free and in the best shape of my life and I owe a lot of that to my renewed ability to perform exercises I hadn't been able to perform in many, many years."

Sick and Tired of Being Tired?

Unrelenting pain is far from the only thing people complain about these days. In fact, lack of energy is the number one reason people visit their doctors. Unfortunately, constantly feeling tired is often a by-product of our hectic, stressed out, sleepless, poor diet lifestyles and whether people want to hear this or not, the remedy cannot be found within a coffee mug or a soft drink with heart-break levels of caffeine added!

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Strengthens Immune System

Forget all those so-called remedies for colds, flues and other viral outbreaks, because LeafSource contains specialized substances that aid in the development of a stronger immune system. University research studies have proven that LeafSource is excellent at supporting immune cells and building a healthy blood system, which is vital to overall good health. "I have witnessed too many older individuals who were constantly sick, suddenly get well and stay healthy by using LeafSource not to be completely convinced it works," said Rebecca Keeling, a registered nurse and Director of Care at a leading retirement facility.

Improves Skin, Hair and Nails Aids from reducing pain and inflammation, increasing energy levels naturally and helping to maintain a robust immune system, another benefit of this incredible discovery is it can help you maintain the health of your skin, hair and nails. It turns out, LeafSource also contains specialized nutrients that both increase and support the production of collagen, elastin and keratin, the main proteins required for beautiful skin, lustrous hair and strong nails. This is one of

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